

RACHEL WADDELL.

JANUARY 14, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LOUDENSLAGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9683.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9683) granting a pension to Rachel Waddell, have considered the same and report:

The claimant is the daughter of John Waddell, deceased, who is shown by the records of the War Department to have served as a sergeant in Capt. William Cherry's company, Fourth Virginia Regiment of Foot, commanded by Maj. Isaac Beall, and also commanded at different times by Cols. Robert Lawson and Thomas Elliott, Revolutionary war.

He was appointed June 10, 1776, to serve three years, and his name appears on the rolls for the period from April, 1777, to May, 1778.

The claimant, who is 70 years old, nearly totally blind, and dependent upon the charity of her friends for care and support, was never married. Her brothers and sisters are all dead.

The claimant's relationship to the soldier and all the facts relative to her physical and financial condition are fully attested under oath by old friends of the family who have known her for many years. One of the witnesses knew the soldier himself.

The passage of the bill is respectfully recommended with an amendment striking out the word "twenty," in line 8, and substituting therefor the word "twelve," so as to fix the rating at \$12 per month.